

**2001 SPRING ADVISORY MEETING  
District 3  
First National Bank/Bremer Bank  
April 23, 2001**

**The Minnewaukan Community Club hosted 35 guests at the First National/Bremer Bank. The Club provided coffee and cookies. Cathy Nord is the presiding president.**

**G&F Personnel present: Dean Hildebrand, Terry Steinwand, Roger Johnson, Randy Kreil, Lynn Schlueter, Kurt Aufforth, Gene Masse, Craig Bihrie, Brian Prince, & Randy Hiltner.**

**Dean gave opening remarks and had all personnel present introduce themselves. Discussion on number of fishing, hunting and boat licenses were sold. Told about the five new positions that will be added, based on the new two-year budget. Two new game wardens, one additional person in the Private Lands Office, one fisheries technician to work with Save Our Lakes aquatic habitat program, and one specialist to work with implementing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) programs.**

**Also, the fisheries department is receiving \$1 million for "Save Our Lakes"**

**Roger Johnson spoke of the success on deer hunting – 76.1 %.**

**Muzzleloaders will have a 16-½ day season.**

**Will eliminate split season in 2B and replace it with a full season. Will issue 105,000 deer licenses for 2002.**

**Terry Steinwand told how the paddlefish law as been amended to only 1 tag this year because so many have been harvested in the last two years – close to 2000/year.**

**HB 1356 – spear fishing season was approved.**

**Since the current proclamation runs through March of 2002, it could require an amendment to the proclamation to open state waters before that time. The department will want to put spear fishing in areas where it can be evaluated. Terry said they will let the public know at our fall meetings when and where spear fishing will be.**

**Winter Kill – on 6 lakes so far.**

**One zander was caught in Spiritwood Lake.**

**Gene Masse and Kurt Aufforth asked for help. If we see anything illegal, please call. Kurt explained their duties as game wardens.**

**Dean also talked about the docking facilities in the Lake Region area and on Lake Sakakawea.**

## **DISCUSSION HELD**

**HB 1269** – would have capped the number of nonresident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota by dividing the state into zones and implementing quotas for each zone. The bill was killed. There will be meetings held on this issue with the NDG&F, Outfitters & Guides, and the average hunters.

**Sandhill Cranes** – discussion on moving the boundary from Hwy 281 to Hwy 1. It is still under discussion. No decision has been made.

**Why won't there be any stocking of walleye in Devils Lake this year.** Randy Hiltner reported of the natural reproduction that has been taking place the last few years and is very good. The decision not to stock is only for 2001. They will wait until later to decide about stocking for next year.

**There are lots of perch** – Randy also stated they had a good catch rate. It should be a good year for reproduction.

**Also discussed limits, daily possession and home limits.**

**Spring goose season.** It wasn't as good this year.

**Baiting issue** was talked about. Much is hinged on the new farm program.

**State school lands** – when is it open for hunting.

**Dead deer around the area.** Many car/deer accidents this year.

**Talked about opening pheasant season sooner** – open the week after opening of waterfowl season.

**Relocating turkeys** – need to work with Game & Fish on this. Would like to see a fall hunt but more seem to want the spring hunt.

**Youth deer & duck season** – talked about using high-powered rifles – most felt it was too dangerous.

**Crossbow legality?** Not legal in ND. Would need to change the law.

**Discussion on walk-in signs for hunting.**

**Talked about different areas for ramp access.**

**It was a very good meeting.** We adjourned about 9:30 pm.

**Submitted by Barb Ash, District 3 Advisor.**